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| FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (REV. 2-2005) | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 273549US0PCT |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/537861 |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP03/15509 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 4 December 2003 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 5 December 2002 |

TITLE OF INVENTION
METHOD OF PRODUCING MOLTEN IRON

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. A substitute specification.
18. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13/er.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. Express Mail Label No.
23. Other items or information:

Application Data Sheet
Drawings (2 sheets)Notice of Priority
Request for Consideration

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| The following fees are submitted: | | | | CALCULATIONS PTO USE | |
| 24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee | | | | \$300 | \$ 300.00 |
| 25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). All other situations..... | | | | \$100 \$200 | \$ 200.00 |
| 26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office All other situations..... | | | | \$100 \$400 \$500 | \$ 400.00 |
| TOTAL OF 24, 25 and 26 = | | | | \$ 900.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. | | | | | |
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| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | | |
| Total claims | 6 | - 20 = 0 | x \$50.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
| Independent claims | 1 | - 3 = 0 | x \$200.00 | \$ 0.00 | |
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| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | | \$ 1,260.00 | |
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**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS
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Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

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